

Town Administrator 2007 Annual Report

It is my pleasure to submit the Town Administrator's report for 2007.

I was appointed the Interim Town Administrator on July 16, 2007, as Town Administrator Kevin Paicos began his tour overseas defending our country for the next year. It is an honor to serve in his absence and we eagerly await his safe return.

The two large capital projects continue. The new Public Safety Complex, as well as the Renovation of the Town Offices located on Main Street. Both of these projects are large unto themselves, and to have both ongoing simultaneously in a town of our size is an accomplishment. All of the citizen volunteers, various departments and the community as a whole, should be proud. Both projects are being built on schedule and should be in full use by mid-fall. The level of professionalism and pride exhibited by our General Contractors has and will continue to serve our community well.

Public Works

The Page's Beach project was completed and celebrated with a neighborhood celebration attended by Senator Brewer and ex-Selectman Ron Reed.

The Westminster Street Bridge was struck by a truck and left un-passable. Our own Department of Public Works took on this project and fixed the bridge including the placement of a new culvert. By doing this "in-house" the Town realized a savings in excess of \$200,000. Our thanks and appreciation is extended to our Department of Public Works for a job well done.

The project on Route 12 is essentially finished. Paving will occur once our Municipal Light Company places the utilities underground. This will bring to an end another major project in Ashburnham.

Facilities

Efforts continue on the relocation of the DPW Garage as several pieces of land will undergo review as potential sites.

The Town continues to work on its five-year technology plan. This year the Highway Department was upgraded to incorporate GIS and a map plotter.

The Town's web page has a new look and is more user-friendly than our initial home page. Ken Dolder and Denée Howard maintain the site, which is hosted by Virtual Town Hall. This year we added the ability to pay your taxes on line for convenience.

For a small community, Ashburnham has a great deal of forward movement and is continuing to study ways to improve our aging infrastructure. As a community, we have much to be proud of.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve you. I would like to also extend my thanks to all the Town officials for their dedication on behalf of the Town, as well as all the Town employees, the Department Heads and especially my Assistant Sylvia Turcotte.

We continue to wish Kevin Paicos safe travels as he defends our way of life and we pray for his safe return.

Sincerely,
Paul G. Boushell
Interim Town Administrator